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May 17, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 May 17, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
PARATRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for the Paratransit Program for Fiscal Year 2011-12 in the First Supervisorial District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Paratransit Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated communities of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2011-12 at an estimated cost of \$1,265,500. The First Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following service areas: Azusa/Glendora; East Los Angeles; Rancho Los Amigos; Teen Mother; Whittier, et al.; and Willowbrook, et al.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated communities of the First Supervisorial District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$1,265,500 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the County unincorporated communities of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2011-12. This Paratransit Program contains agreements with multiple-year terms. This action only authorizes the Fiscal Year 2011-12 program costs incurred under these agreements. The future costs under these agreements will be submitted for your approval as part of future fiscal years' paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day, no-fault clause for termination.

Five paratransit services will operate under current, previously executed agreements: the Azusa/Glendora Paratransit Service; the East Los Angeles Paratransit Service; the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service; the Teen Mother Paratransit Service; and the Whittier, et al., Paratransit Service for a combined First Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2011-12 disbursement of \$1,183,000.

The Willowbrook, et al., Paratransit Service Agreement, which includes the County unincorporated communities of Athens, Florence-Firestone-Walnut Park, Rancho Dominguez, and Rosewood-Willowbrook will expire on June 30, 2011. The Willowbrook, et al., Paratransit Service will be awarded through a competitive selection process with an estimated First Supervisorial District annual cost of \$82,500. We will submit this contract for your approval under a separate Board action.

The Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Paratransit Program Budget for the First Supervisorial District totals \$1,265,500, which includes the previously executed service agreements for \$1,183,000 and the award of a new contract at an estimated cost of \$82,500. The enclosure lists these services with providers, terms, and the First Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the County unincorporated communities. Paratransit, also known as dial-a-ride, generally refers to curb-to-curb, demand response transit services in which the patron calls to reserve a ride. This type of service is typically available to elderly and disabled persons. In some areas, it is also available to the general public.

The agreements for the paratransit services are in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements are approved as to form by County Counsel prior to

execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the County unincorporated communities are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the County unincorporated communities and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private (for-profit or nonprofit) transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination, and subsidies provided through grants, when available, from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant Program). The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies that allow the County to partner with them contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
PARATRANSIT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (EXECUTED IN PRIOR YEARS)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2011-12 BUDGET AMOUNT (1)	2012-13 BUDGET AMOUNT
Azusa/Glendora (with SD 5)	City of Azusa (2)	3-YEAR	06/30/13	\$99,000	\$101,000
East Los Angeles	Southland Transit, Incorporated (3)	1-YEAR + 4 (1-YR) options	06/30/13	\$700,000	\$700,000
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. (2)	2-YEAR	06/30/12	\$53,000	
Teen Mother (with SD 4 & SD 5)	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (2)	5-YEAR	06/30/12	\$6,000	
Whittier, et al. (with SD 4 & SD 5)	Southland Transit, Incorporated (3)	1-YEAR + 4 (1-YR) options	06/30/13	\$325,000	\$325,000
SUBTOTAL				\$1,183,000	\$1,126,000

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (4)					
Willowbrook, et al. (with SD 2)	To be determined	3-YEAR + 2 (1-YR) options	06/30/16	\$82,500	\$82,500
SUBTOTAL				\$82,500	\$82,500

GRAND TOTAL				\$1,265,500	\$1,208,500
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NOTE:

- (1) This action only approves the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget amounts
- (2) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency
- (3) Private Transit Service Provider
- (4) To be awarded through competitive selection process under separate Board action